

Frankfort Ky July 26th 1868

Prof Dana
Yale College

Dear Sir

I have in my possession
the atlas vertebra of a mastodon found in
removing a reef of rock near Lock No 3 Ky river
Its weight is 8 lbs 2 oz. Circumference 35 in
anteropost diameter 10 1/4 lateral diameter 15-
There is a heavy deposit of the two oxides of iron
in it. The bone is remarkably well preserved
in its processes foramina and articulating
surfaces, but two small pieces chipped from
the under surface - It has created a sensation
in our part of the country. Regent Bouman
of Ky University has asked me to make a
donation to his ~~museum~~. I desire how-
ever to sell it. I do not know the value
of such things - have written to some
others to name the price they will

15022

give - the one offering the largest
price to have the bond

Very Respectfully
H. B. Rodman